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TO: SC, AMZON, (for BERLIN and MUNICH)  
FROM: SC, FBH  
SUBJECT: GULL - *AMISOLC*

Reference is made to the most recent report from Berlin on the information so far supplied by GULL during his stay in Berlin. At this point we feel even more strongly about the poor quality of GULL's production than we did when we wrote X-8014. In terms of positive results absolutely nothing has come out of this operation. As far as we know nothing ever happened about the Bryansk Forest plan. After having read carefully the most recent Berlin raw reports we feel that the time definitely has come when we should terminate our contact with GULL. In view of the fact that we do not have and in the foreseeable future shall not have sufficient SC personnel in the field to be able to cover everything, we shall have to concentrate on high-level operations with the aim of learning what the Soviets are doing. In this regard it is entirely irrelevant to know whether this or that White Russian, whether under pressure or not, performs informer services for the MVD or the MGB. In a police state, and the Russian Sector of Berlin must be considered a part of the Russian police state, there are thousands of people who, either out of fear or in order to gain certain advantages or just to be left alone, will serve as informants for Russian officials who show any interest at all in these services of theirs. But that is no different from the thousands of people who performed just such low-level informer services for the Nazis during the Hitler regime. The activities of such people must never be our main target, and not even one of our important targets.

We feel here that so far the Berlin detachment has been one of the very few which has performed an excellent job in giving us the kind of information which we want. They are, more than most others, on the right track. We here do not want them to get involved with so-called White Russian operations which so far have proved almost completely valueless.

The White Russian problem has in the meantime probably been taken up in great detail. We are writing this to point out in this one particular case how misdirected our efforts usually are when we start dealing with White Russians. It should have been obvious from the beginning that it would be impossible for a man of GULL's background, affiliations and megalomania to try to give us a complete picture of Slav activities and really important White Russian agents in Soviet employ in a period of three weeks.

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